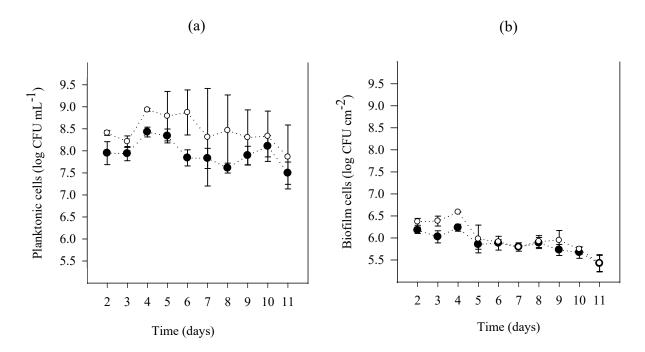
## **Supplementary Material**



**Figure S1.** Planktonic (a) and biofilm (b) population dynamics of plasmid-bearing cells ( $\bullet$ ) and total culturable cells (plasmid-bearing cells plus plasmid-free cells) ( $\circ$ ). The means  $\pm$  SDs for three independent experiments are illustrated.